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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN NOTE TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE

REF: SEOUL 3110

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. WITH REGARD TO ROKG QUERY ABOUT DELIVERY OF NOTE, YOU SHOULD ADVISE FOREIGN MINISTER PARK THAT IT WAS DELIVERED ON APRIL 20 TO USUN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. WE HAVE NO EXPLANATION AS TO WHY NOTE WAS DATED MARCH 11 OR WHY NORTH KOREA TOOK ALMOST SIX WEEKS TO PASS IT TO US. HOWEVER, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT MARCH 11 DATE ON NOTE IS ANOTHER INDICATION THAT IT WAS PREPARED IN CONTEXT OF NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN EMANATING FROM FEBRUARY 27 FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT AND OTHER SUBSEQUENT NORTH KOREAN ACTIONS (E.G., MARCH 4 NEW YORK PRESS CONFERENCE).

2. IF PARK SUGGESTS THAT WE RETURN THE NORTH KOREAN NOTE

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"UNANSWERED" TO NORTH KOREANS, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT

THAT OUR APPROACH IN EFFECT REJECTS NOTE BUT IN MANNER
WHICH BEST SERVES OUR MUTUAL INTEREST AND IS IN ACCORD

-ITH OUR AGREED POLICY, I.E., US/ROK WILLINGNESS
TO MEET WITH NORTH KOREA AND ITS ALLIES. IN EVENT
NORTH KOREANS DO PUBLICIZE THEIR NOTE, OUR APPROACH
ASSURES THAT IT WOULD BE NORTH KOREA WHICH WOULD BE
REVEALED AS INTRANSIGENT AND INFLEXIBLE.

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